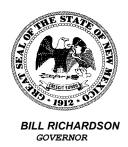
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## **Environment Department to Offer Free Water Testing in Sandia Park on Sunday, May 15**

(Santa Fe, NM) - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau, in coordination with the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District, will offer free testing of water from private domestic wells this Sunday, May 15, 2005.

The free testing for pH, conductivity, organic vapors, nitrate, sulfate, fluoride, and iron will be held from 12 pm to 5 pm at the Vista Grande Park, La Madera Road, Sandia Park (approximately six miles north of I-40 on Hwy 14).

In order to be tested, samples must be at least one quart in volume, freshly drawn from a cold water tap and brought in a covered, clean glass or plastic container that did not previously contain milk, pickles, juice, or other substances with strong odor. If possible, samples should be collected before passing through any water treatment system, such as a water softener, reverse osmosis, or an activated carbon filter.

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